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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major part of an Agricultural land is still dependent on monsoon for irrigation;

(b) if so, the scheme to irrigate the said land;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any programme to increase irrigated areas;

(d) if so, the details of amount released, expenditure incurred and results achieved during the last three years in this regard, State-wise and Year-wise; and

(e) the efforts made to achieve results early for the said works?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) According to the Land Use Statistics for 2003-04 compiled by Ministry of Agriculture, net sown area in the country is estimated to be 140.9 million hectare and net irrigated area (NIA) is 55.1 million hectare i.e. 39.10%.

(b) to (e) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments as per their own priority. However, Government of India provides central assistance to the State Governments for completion of ongoing irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). The AIBP criteria have been relaxed and procedure simplified to cover more projects under this programme. The state wise details of the Central Loan Assistance/Grant released during the last three year are at Annex.